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In re the Application of)
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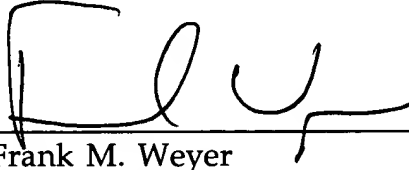
Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified pending patent application, to date no Office Action has been received subsequent to Applicant's filing of a response on August 19, 1998 to the Examiner's election requirements. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully inquires as to the status of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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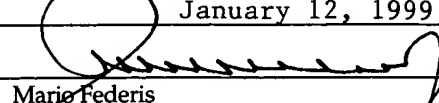
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